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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 09/921,851)
Filed: August 3, 2001)
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)
CONFIGURATION)

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002, the following
amendments and remarks are submitted:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 121, 126, 204, 206, 208, and 210 (with changes as shown
in the attachment) to read as follows:

121. (Amended) A method for forming an interbody spinal implant having a plurality of
bone engaging structures for insertion between adjacent vertebral bodies of a
human spine, the method comprising the steps of:
- providing the implant comprising a leading end for introduction of the
spinal implant into the spine, an opposite trailing end, and spaced apart sides
therebetween, opposite upper and lower surfaces between said leading and